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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated October 19, 2001. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 24, 29, 34 and 37 as follows:

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24. (Amended) A nasal support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:
- (a) an adhesive layer for securing the support device to the tissues;
 - (b) a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:
 - (i) a center longitudinal dimension having a center longitudinal axis therethrough;